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SUBJECT: RECORD FROST IN PARANA HITS FUTURE CROPS

1. I WAS SITTING ACROSS THE DESK FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF ANDERSON CLAYTON DISCUSSING ANOTHER MATTER WHEN THE FIRST TELETYPES FROM THEIR PARANA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS ARRIVED ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S CRIPPLING FROST IN THE COFFEE AREAS. THE MESSAGES ESTIMATE THAT 100 PERCENT OF COFFEE TREES WERE DAMAGED, 100 PERCENT OF PASTURES AND ORCHARDS ARE INJURED AND 70 PERCENT OF THE WHEAT (ALTHOUGH THE DEGREE OF DAMAGE TO LATTER VARIES). INITIAL ESTIMATE IS THAT ANTICIPATED 12 MILLION BAG COFFEE CROP IN PARANA NEXT YEAR WILL BE ONLY ONE REPEAT ONE MILLION BAGS.

2. ACTING PRESIDENT IS ANDERSON CLAYTON'S COMMODITY CHIEF WITH OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN BRAZIL, PRINCIPALLY IN COFFEE, WHO HAS BEEN VERY RELIABLE CONSULATE SOURCE ON COFFEE AND OTHER CROPS OVER THE YEARS. HE CONFIRMED, AS O ESTADO REPORTS, THAT FROSTS HAVE ALWAYS OCCURRED BETWEEN 5 AND 9 A.M. AND NEVER AT NIGHT.

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LAST NIGHT IT WAS ALREADY 0 DEGREES CENTIGRADE AT 10 P.M. IN

LONDORINA, PARANA, IN THE HEART OF THE COFFEE AREA. FREEZING
CONTINUED ALL NIGHT AND WORSE DAMAGE EXPECTED FROM CONTINUING
COLD WEATHER. ACTING PRESIDENT'S REACTION IS THAT
COFFEE PRICES IN BRAZIL WILL NEVER RETURN TO FORMER LEVELS.

3. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, THESE ARE VERY TENTATIVE, INITIAL
REACTIONS, BUT THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE IS SEVERE.
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